

LICKING RIVER KENNEL CLUB

NEWSLETTER



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****Special Reminders****

We need your new Titles!

We need your new titles. Did you finish Fido? Were you Awarded an Agility title, finish your dog in Conformation or did your dog Obey Obedience? Send Lea Anne your name, dog's full name and call name and the exact title you won. You and your dog will be included in our December awards ceremony. Call Lea Anne at 740-763-0611 with full info or any questions.

Help needed with the Fall Show!

We need your help with the Fall show in Urbana on October 11th.

Help is needed at the gate for the following periods. 2 people are needed for each period:

Period	Covered by
6:00-8:00 am	Pat & Bob White
8:00-10:00 am	help needed
10:00-12:00 am	help needed

If you can help during the 8-10 or the 10-12 period, please call Pat White at 740-763-0376 or email at wwgsd@windstream.net.

We also need Ring Stewards for the Fall Show. Please contact Lea Anne if you can help out as a ring Steward.

Club Elections Coming!

If you are interested in running for a club officer position or if you would like to be on a committee, please let one of the nominating committee members (Judy Riley, Robert Willis, Betty Willis) know of your interest.

Code of Ethics

We believe it is time that we updated our code of ethics. We would like input from our members on how our Code of Ethics should be updated. Maybe

you belong to another club and have some ideas you could bring to our club. Please bring your ideas to the next meeting or let one of the officers know of your suggestions.

Club News:

The August meeting was held on August 14th and there were 14 members present. We welcomed two visitors Michelle and Shirley Hawthorn. The treasurer reported that we are ready for next month's audit.

Our Christmas dinner will be December 6th at what used to be the Barn on York. Remember to bring a doggie gift to donate to the Humane Society. Pat Smith wants pictures for the Christmas dinner slide show so be sure to send her lots of pictures.

Betty Brown will be moving out of state. We are sad to see her go, but she is leaving CGC in good hands with 4 members (Don Butts, John Armstrong, Dee Kirk and Carolyn Martin) who are now certified to test for Canine Good Citizen.

Judy Riley made a motion that our club donate to our local humane society to help financially with the recent increase in pets that are left homeless due to home foreclosures. Lea Anne seconded the motion and it carried with the membership present.

Quote of the month:

"Anybody who doesn't know what soap taste like never washed a dog."

~Franklin P Jones

Calendar of Events

Licking River Kennel Meeting
September 11, 2008 7:30pm
Southgate Church of Christ

Fall Training Classes
Conformation & Obedience
September 8, 2008
Armory in Newark
Non club members \$70

LRKC Fall Show
October 11, 2008
Urbana, OH

CGC & Therapy Dog Test
November 10, 2008
Armory in Newark

Breed of the month:



Bernese Mountain Dog

The Bernese Mountain Dog is a striking, tri-colored, large dog. He is sturdy and balanced. Dogs appear masculine, while bitches are distinctly feminine. Dogs are 25 to 27½ inches; bitches are 23 to 26 inches. Though appearing square, Bernese Mountain Dogs are slightly longer in body than they are tall. Sturdy bone is of great importance. The Bernese is one of four varieties of Swiss Mountain Dog and is an extremely hearty dog, thriving in cold weather.

Bernese Mountain Dogs are not recommended for apartment life. They are relatively inactive indoors and will do best with at least a large, fenced-in yard. Prefer cool climates because their thick coat makes the Bernese uncomfortable in warm weather. Bernese are outdoor dogs at heart, though well-behaved in the house; they need activity and exercise, but do not have a great deal of endurance. They can move with amazing bursts of speed for their size when motivated. If they are sound (no problems with their hips, elbows, or other joints) they enjoy hiking and generally stick close to their people

The Bernese temperament is a strong point of the breed. They are affectionate, gentle, loyal, faithful, stable and intelligent and love children. The majority of Bernese are very friendly to people, and other dogs. They are very loyal, a friend for life, and may

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have trouble adjusting to a new owner after they are 18 months old. Self-confident, alert and good-natured. Never sharp or shy. These dogs may be slow to mature, remaining boisterous and puppy-like for quite awhile. The Bernese needs to be with people and not relegated to the backyard or kennel run. Like any dog, the Bernese should be well socialized as a puppy. They often get along well with other pets such as cats, horses, etc. They are very trainable provided the owner is patient and consistent in training; Bernese need time to think things through. They are sensitive and do not respond well to harsh treatment. Trained gently, however, Berners are very willing and eager to please their master. Bernese love to be encouraged with praise and treats. Overall, they are very stable in temperament, patient and loving. The Bernese' calm temperament makes them a natural for pulling small carts or wagons, a task they originally performed in Switzerland. With proper training they enjoy giving children rides in a cart or participating in a parade. The Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America offers drafting trials open to all breeds; dogs can earn an NDD (Novice Draft Dog) or a DD (Draft Dog) title.

The life span of the Bernese is about 6-8 years. Their average lifespan has decreased in recent years from 10-12 yrs to 6-8 yrs. The BMD Club of America did a health survey in 2000 with 1,322 dogs. The average age of death was 7.2 yrs. Cancer is unfortunately a very large part of the Berner world and many Berners die young. One source states "I know of several that died of cancer at 3-4 yrs old and one that died two days before his 2nd birthday. The BMD Club of America is aggressively researching this cancer issue! We must see if we can end this sad situation."



****CONGRATULATIONS****

John Armstrong our lucky club member who has a Bernese Mountain Dog in his family.

Braggs:

Robert & Betty Willis Imp-Cen Make My Day at Oak Knoll aka "Harry" went Best of Breed on

Sunday and Monday at Marion and earned two more points. Chase won in Waynesburg, PA

Lea Anne Broseus TJ got a 5 point major in puppy class

Cindy Shaffer-Palur Inca got another point

Joan Priest Mortisha got her UKC Championship

June Suain Sissy got winners Bitch two days also breed and a 4 point major

Pat Smith Scout got 10th conformation WCA Versatile Dog (V) 2008. Pat also has a new addition to her family: Doc's Baja Surfer Boy AKA Cabo Check him out:



Congratulations All.....way to go!!!!!!!

Article of the Month:

I would like for club members to become active in our newsletter by writing articles for our monthly newsletter. The articles would be of topics of your choice (no length requirements) that you would like to share with fellow club members. Please think of articles you could contribute to the club. If you have an article you would like to contribute, contact Pat White at 740-763-0376 or wwgsd@windstream.net.

2008 Club Committees:

Training: Betty Willis, Betty Brown, Carolyn Martin, Bill Revercomb, Judy Riley & Pat Smith.

Canine Good Citizen: Betty Brown & Don Butts

Show Committee:

Spring

Pat Deucher

Sam Lowell

Pat Smith

Robert Willis

Betty Willis

Fall

Lea Anne Broseus

Sam Lowell

Cindy Shaffer-Palur

Wendy Rezendes

Hospitality: Tammy Carter, Joan Priest, Beth Uhlin & Joey Visintine

Christmas Dinner: Tammy Carter

Trophies: Connie Halliday, Lea Anne Broseus & Cindy Shaffer-Palur

Awards: Lea Anne Broseus, Pat White, Judy Riley & Joan Priest

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Flowers: Lea Anne Broseus

Historian: Pat Smith

Club Programs/Public Education: Sam Lowell, Cindy Shaffer-Palur, June Suain & Pat Smith

Publicity: Judy Riley & Lea Anne Broseus

Newsletter: Sam Lowell, Joan Priest & Pat White

Web Committee: Lea Anne Broseus, Joan Priest, Pat Smith & Pat White

Notices:

Complete Grooming services provided by J & J Grooming contact Joan Priest.

We will post notices for club members here. Just contact Pat White with the specifics of what you want posted.

Canine Funny Bone:



"Either he really likes you or you're under arrest."